

Case Number:	CP-73-0993
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NARRATIVE

On March 17, 2011, at approximately 6:42pm, Officer Angela Moore was dispatched to the Lieutenant Governor's Office, Florida Capitol Room PL05, 400 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, in reference to a fire.

The fire was reported to Florida Department of Law Enforcement Capitol Police Communications Center at approximately 6:38pm, by Mike Prendergast, who is the Governor's Chief of Staff. The Communications Center did not receive any fire alarms.

Officer Moore arrived at the Lieutenant Governor's Office and made contact with Carolyn Timmann, who extinguished the fire. The fire was extinguished before Officer Moore arrived. Timmann is the Director for the Office of Open Government. Timmann advised that she smelled smoke and saw that it was coming from a trash can under the desk of Carletha Cole, who had already gone home for the day. To get to Cole's desk from the main lobby, turn left at the main hallway by the staircases. Her desk is located in the first room on the right once the hallway narrows. Timmann stated that she picked up the trash can and ran with it to the women's restroom with next to the Lieutenant Governor's office. She attempted to use the faucet in the sink to extinguish the fire, but it created more smoke. She then grabbed a flower vase and dumped the water on the fire, which put it out. Timmann indicated that there was not anyone in the area at that time and that she did not know of anyone in the office who smoked cigars. According to Timmann, no one from the cleaning crew had been in that area at the time of the incident.

Officer Moore retrieved a small, partially smoked cigar and a burned match from the burned trash can contents that were in the sink in the women's restroom. These items were photographed, packaged as evidence, and placed in Temporary Storage Locker #1. The trash can was placed back under the desk, where it was originally taken from and photographed. There was no property damage.

Officer Moore made contact with Florida Department of Law Enforcement Capitol Police Investigator John Hamilton to pass on the information.

Related items

INV-1 through INV-8: Photographs

INV-9: Evidence Receipt



Despite the presence of experienced FDLE investigators, no fingerprints were lifted from the garbage or computer as requested by Ms. Cole.

Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll told Investigator John Hamilton that Bibi Ramos set fire to Ms. Cole's garbage can, which according to Florida Statue 806 is arson a felony in the 1st degree.

A lit cigar and match that was wrapped in paper towel did not burn Bibi Ramos pocket or the paper towel it was wrapped in as she walked back to returned to the State Capitol, suddenly Ms. Cole garbage can is burning and on fire 30 minutes later.



All evidence was destroyed by Investigator John Hamilton, prior to interviewing Bibi Ramos who confessed to setting the fire in Ms. Cole's garbage can at the State Capitol.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

On March 18, 2011, Investigator John Hamilton responded to Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll's office (400 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida, Plaza Level 5) in reference to information about the fire described in this case.

Lt. Governor Carroll told Hamilton that one of her aides, Beatrice Ramos, called her after hearing about the incident and told her that she (Ramos) was the one who put the cigar in the garbage can. Ramos was not at work at the time of this interview and would not return until Monday, March 21, 2011.

On Monday, March 21, 2011, at approximately 9:30 A.M, Investigator John Hamilton met with Ramos in the Governor's large conference room located in the Governor's suite at (400 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida, Plaza Level 5). Ramos told Hamilton that she had left the Capitol at around 5:15 p.m. and went to the Saint Patrick's Day festivities on Adams Street in Tallahassee where she met some of her friends. Ramos said that one of her friends had given her a cigar to smoke. Ramos said she took a couple of puffs and put it out, then wrapped it in a paper towel to dispose of. Ramos told Hamilton when she returned to the office from the festivities at about 5:45 p.m, she threw the wrapped cigar in her co-worker's (Carletha Cole) garbage can. Ramos said she thought that the cigar was extinguished when she threw it out.

Ramos was very apologetic and broke down in tears as she told Hamilton that she had no intentions of starting a fire, exclaiming that she thought the cigar was out. Ramos told Hamilton that she felt bad because her actions could have really hurt someone.

This case was determined non-criminal based on the absence of intent, the listed evidence (cigar, match) was disposed of. This case is closed, no further investigation required.

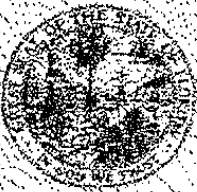
"the absence of intent", the intent was on-going repeated attempts to intimidate me into silence of Jennifer, Bibi, nepotism and fraternizing.

EVIDENCE / PROPERTY CUSTODY DOCUMENT		CASE NUMBER LP-73-0993 <i>204</i>	CAD NUMBER FCP111OFFA00868
RECEIVING ACTIVITY FDLE CAPITOL POLICE		LOCATION TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA	
NAME OF PERSON FROM WHOM RECEIVED N/A <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER PHONE NUMBER# _____		Address (Include Zip Code) Florida Capitol Room PLOS 400 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399	
LOCATION FROM WHERE OBTAINED Women's Restroom near Lieutenant Governor's office		REASON OBTAINED Evaluate as evidence	TIME/DATE OBTAINED 6:45 pm 03/17/2011

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES <small>(include model, serial number, condition and unusual or scratches)</small>
1	1	small, partially smoked cigar
2	1	burned match

CHAIN OF CUSTODY				
ITEM NO.	DATE	RELEASED BY	RECEIVED BY	PURPOSE OF CHANGE OF CUSTODY
1	3/17/11	SIGNATURE NAME	SIGNATURE NAME	released to evidence custodian
1	3/17/11	SIGNATURE NAME <i>Angela Moore</i> <i>Angela Moore</i>	SIGNATURE NAME <i>John Hamilton</i>	Destroyed Non-Criminal
2	3/17/11	SIGNATURE NAME <i>Angela Moore</i>	SIGNATURE NAME <i>Angela Moore</i>	released to evidence custodian
2	3/17/11	SIGNATURE NAME <i>Angela Moore</i> <i>Angela Moore</i>	SIGNATURE NAME <i>John Hamilton</i>	Destroyed Non-Criminal
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On Monday, March 21, 2011 and after destroying the evidence, Investigator John Hamilton interviewed Bibi Ramos who confessed to setting the fire. The case was closed. The next day Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll wrote a letter of recommendation for Investigator Hamilton employment with the Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco.



JENNIFER CARROLL
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 22, 2011

To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to offer this letter of recommendation on behalf of John Hamilton. Approximately four years ago while serving as a Representative in the Florida House, I had the privilege of meeting Investigator John Hamilton.

John was assigned to protective operations for the House of Representatives, ensuring safety for members and staff during Legislative Sessions. John was always friendly, courteous, diligent and respectful to myself and the other House of Representative members. He is dedicated, capable and exemplifies true professionalism.

I am confident that John could handle any task assigned to him and that it would be done with the same disposition mentioned herein. With that said, it is without reservation that I strongly recommend Investigator John Hamilton for employment with the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jennifer Carroll", is positioned above the printed name.

Jennifer Carroll
Lieutenant Governor

The Florida penalty for arson is a 1st degree felony 30 years or, in some cases, life in prison.

- **The 2011 Florida Statutes**

- **Title XLVI**

CRIMES Chapter 806

ARSON AND CRIMINAL MISCHIEF View Entire Chapter 806.01

Arson.— (1) Any person who willfully and unlawfully, or while in the commission of any felony, by fire or explosion, damages or causes to be damaged: (a) Any dwelling, whether occupied or not, or its contents;

- (b) Any structure, or contents thereof, where persons are normally present, such as: jails, prisons, or detention centers; hospitals, nursing homes, or other health care facilities; department stores, office buildings, business establishments, churches, or educational institutions during normal hours of occupancy; or other similar structures; or
- (c) Any other structure that he or she knew or had reasonable grounds to believe was occupied by a human being,
- is guilty of arson in the first degree, which constitutes a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

The Florida penalty for official misconduct is a 3rd degree felony

838.022 Official misconduct.—

(1) It is unlawful for a public servant, with corrupt intent to obtain a benefit for any person or to cause harm to another, to:

(a) Falsify, or cause another person to falsify, any official record or official document;

(b) Conceal, cover up, destroy, mutilate, or alter any official record or official document or cause another person to perform such an act; or

(c) Obstruct, delay, or prevent the communication of information relating to the commission of a felony that directly involves or affects the public agency or public entity served by the public servant.

(2) For the purposes of this section:

(a) The term “public servant” does not include a candidate who does not otherwise qualify as a public servant.

(b) An official record or official document includes only public records.

(3) Any person who violates this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#), s. [775.083](#), or s. [775.084](#)